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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on March 4, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 4, 2005. A petition for extension of time accompanies this paper to extend the period for response to July 4, 2005. Since the due date for response fell on a Federal Holiday, the due date for response with a one month extension of time is July 5, 2005, the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a). In light of the Amendments and/or Remarks herein, further examination is requested.